

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1715 - SB 1859

June 4, 2020

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Creates a Class D felony offense for the sexual abuse of a corpse. Creates a Class C felony offense for the aggravated sexual abuse of a corpse. Requires persons convicted of such offenses to register pursuant to the Tennessee Sexual Offender and Violent Sexual Offender Registration, Verification and Tracking Act of 2004 (Act).

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$8,400 Incarceration\*

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (018159):** Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause. Creates "April's Law," which adds engaging in sexual contact with a corpse to the offense of abuse of a corpse. Requires persons convicted of engaging in sexual contact with a corpse to register pursuant to the Tennessee Sexual Offender and Violent Sexual Offender Registration, Verification and Tracking Act of 2004 (Act).

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This analysis assumes individuals would be convicted of the Class E felony offense of abuse of a corpse in Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-312 under current law; therefore, any impact to state incarceration expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- Any impact to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation resulting from requiring individuals to register under the Act is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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